

July 26, 2007

Meeting Notes- Land Use Committee

1. Committee members present: Kerry Finley, Myrt Webb, Karen Reeves, Velvet Phillips-Sullivan
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. Opening Comments:
 - Kerry mentioned that in her conversations with the Gallatin Fiscal office her contact mentioned using an RID (MCA 7-12-2101) and/or an RSID (MCA 7-12-2121) to obtain financial support for public services.
 - Kerry also brought the property tax statement for one of the most expensive properties in the county. The statement for payments on Nov 06 and May 07 showed county taxes of \$7390, school related taxes of \$20683, and City of Whitefish taxes of \$5732 for a total of \$33, 950.
4. Discussion of Findings
 - Kerry mentioned that she had more info coming on water quality that would be available at the next meeting.
 - Myrt mentioned that IHHO the committee needed 4 or 5 more findings in addition to the ones we had from the last meeting.
 - Velvet gave Myrt some additions to the preliminary findings for cost of public services and for the general comments on community character.
 - Karen will work on findings related to the establishment of a rural land board.
 - Velvet will work on more for the public services findings.
5. Additional Preliminary Findings
 - Data from solid waste generation and power connection indicate that the county population is higher than the census indicates.
 - Compared to counties of similar size, Flathead County spends more for public services.
6. The next meeting is Thursday July 26. Myrt mentioned that we need to finish findings at this meeting and move to recommendations.